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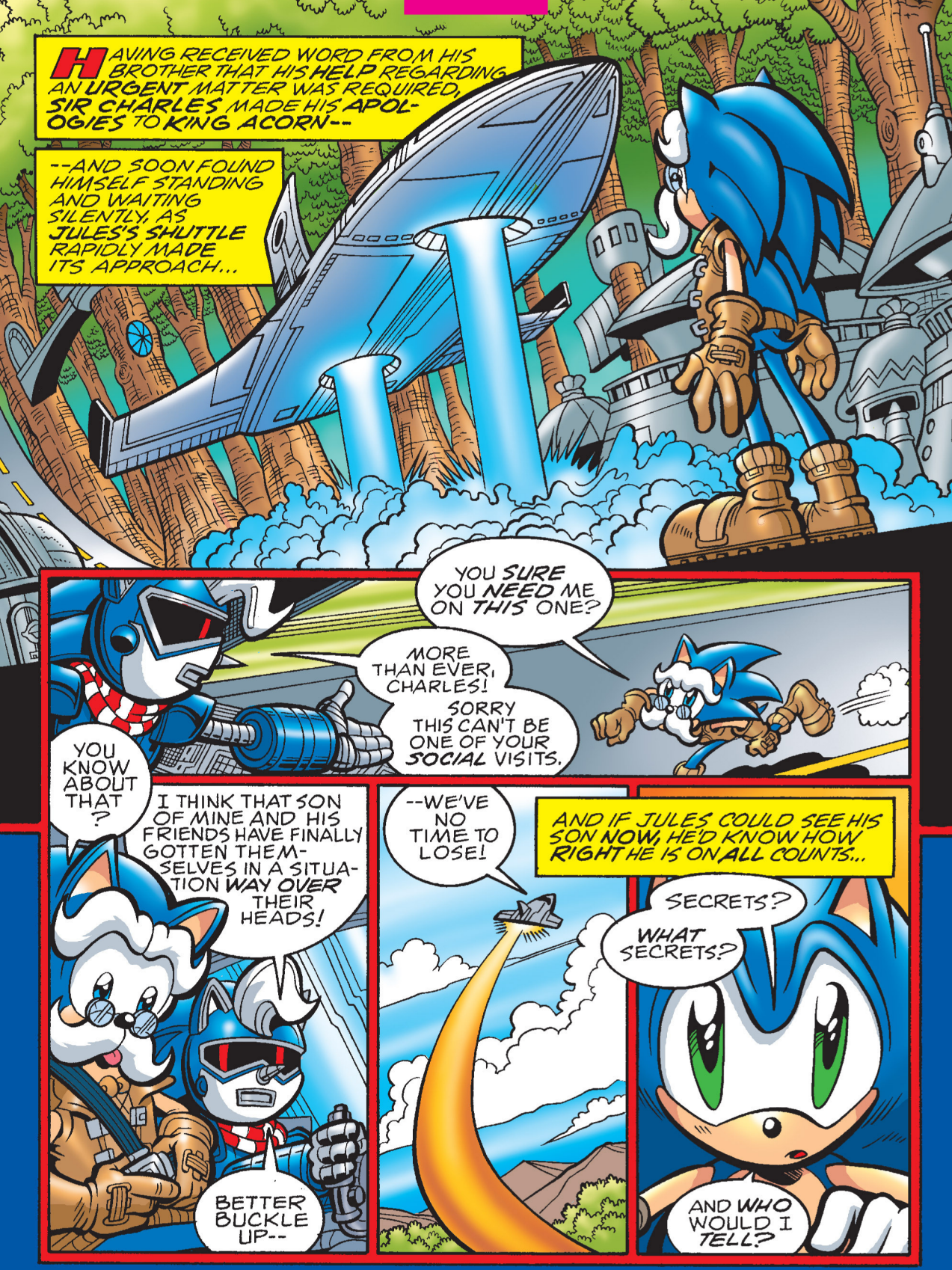
VS. METAL SONIC VS. SHADOW!
SEGA
THE GOOD
THE BAD
AND THE
UNKNOWN
FINAL
ROUND


HAVING RECEIVED WORD FROM HIS BROTHER THAT HIS HELP REGARDING AN URGENT MATTER WAS REQUIRED, SIR CHARLES MADE HIS APOLOGIES TO KING ACORN--
--AND SOON FOUND HIMSELF STANDING AND WAITING SILENTLY, AS JULES'S SHUTTLE RAPIDLY MADE ITS APPROACH...
YOU SURE YOU NEED ME ON THIS ONE?
MORE THAN EVER, CHARLES!
SORRY THIS CAN'T BE ONE OF YOUR SOCIAL VISITS.
YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?
I THINK THAT SON OF MINE AND HIS FRIENDS HAVE FINALLY GOTTEN THEMSELVES IN A SITUATION WAY OVER THEIR HEADS!
BETTER BUCKLE UP--
--WE'VE NO TIME TO LOSE!
AND IF JULES COULD SEE HIS SON NOW, HE'D KNOW HOW RIGHT HE IS ON ALL COUNTS...
SECRETS?
WHAT SECRETS?
AND WHO WOULD I TELL?

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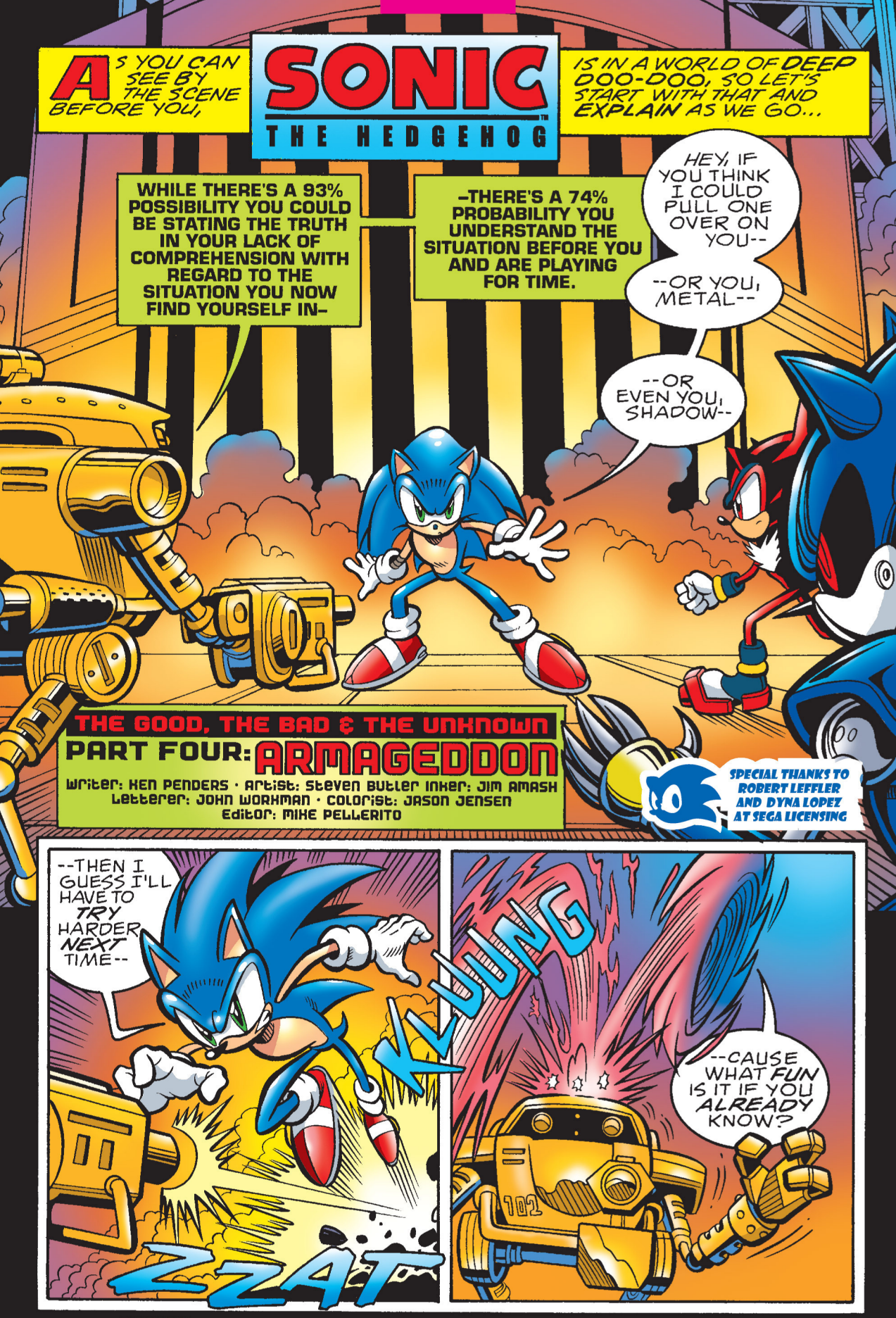
AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE SCENE BEFORE YOU,
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
IS IN A WORLD OF DEEP DOO-DOO, SO LET'S START WITH THAT AND EXPLAIN AS WE GO...
WHILE THERE'S A 93% POSSIBILITY YOU COULD BE STATING THE TRUTH IN YOUR LACK OF COMPREHENSION WITH REGARD TO THE SITUATION YOU NOW FIND YOURSELF IN–
–THERE'S A 74% PROBABILITY YOU UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION BEFORE YOU AND ARE PLAYING FOR TIME.
HEY, IF YOU THINK I COULD PULL ONE OVER ON YOU--
--OR YOU, METAL--
--OR EVEN YOU, SHADOW--
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--THEN I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TRY HARDER NEXT TIME--
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KLUNG
--CAUSE WHAT FUN IS IT IF YOU ALREADY KNOW?

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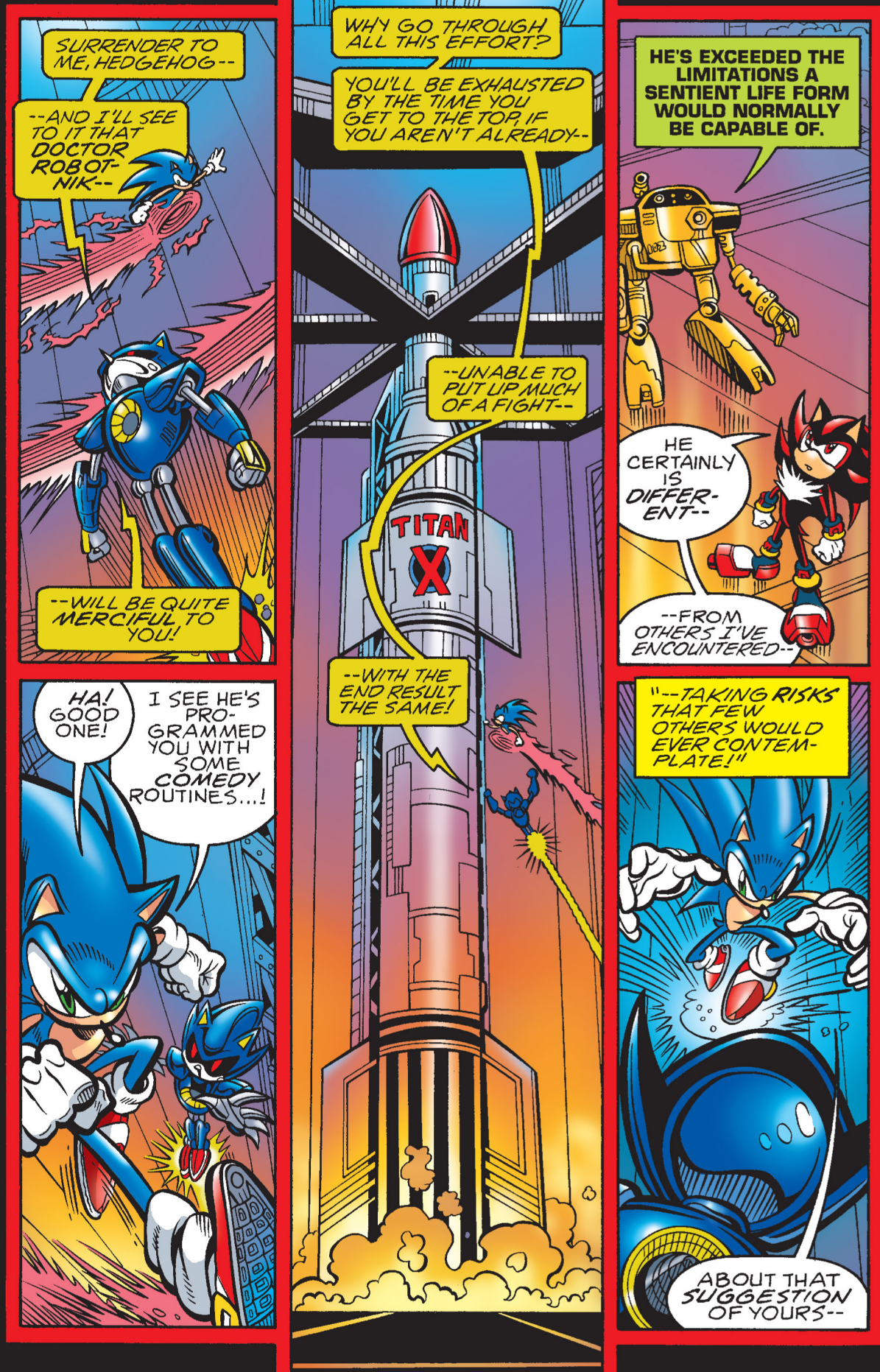
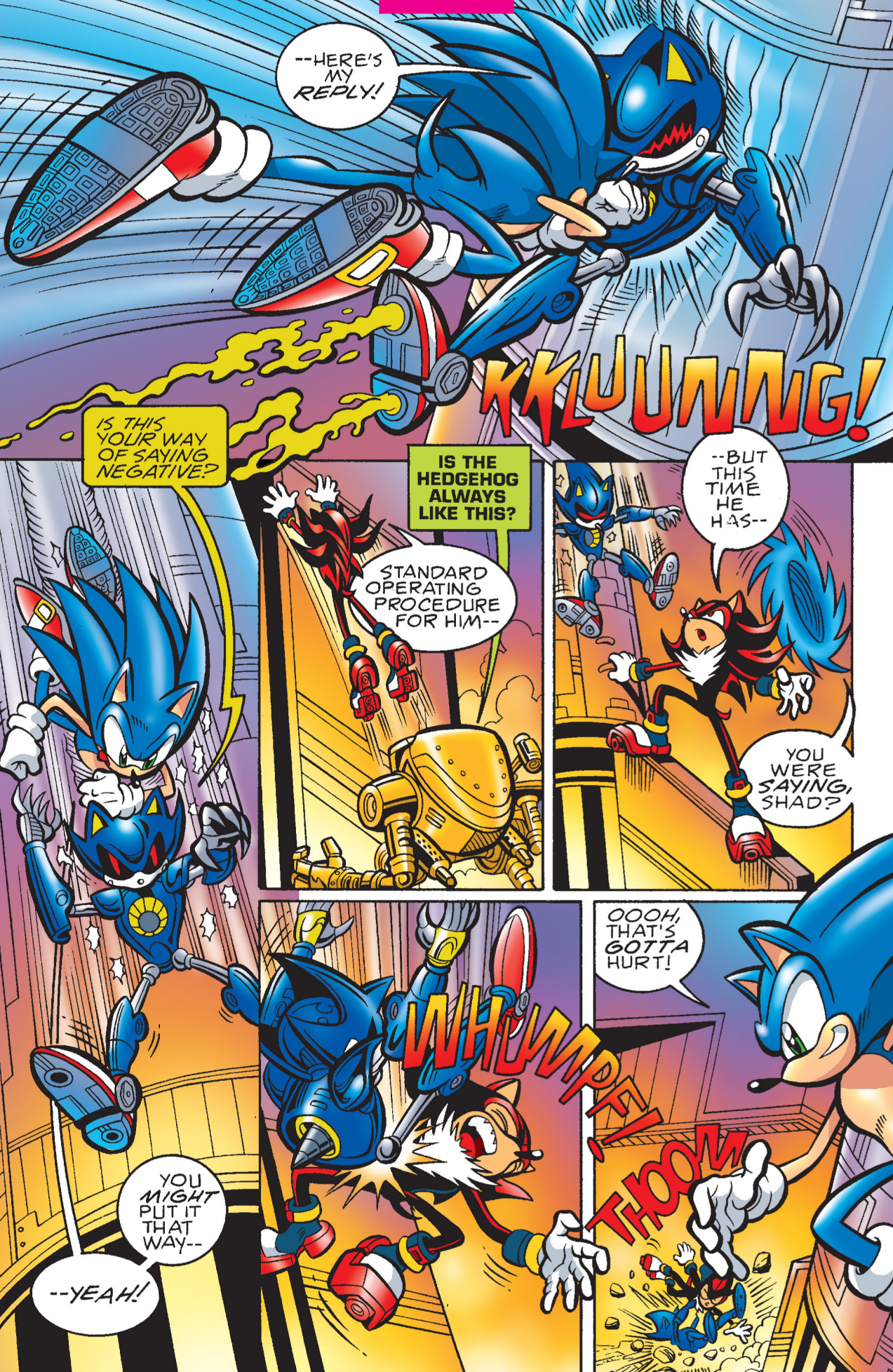
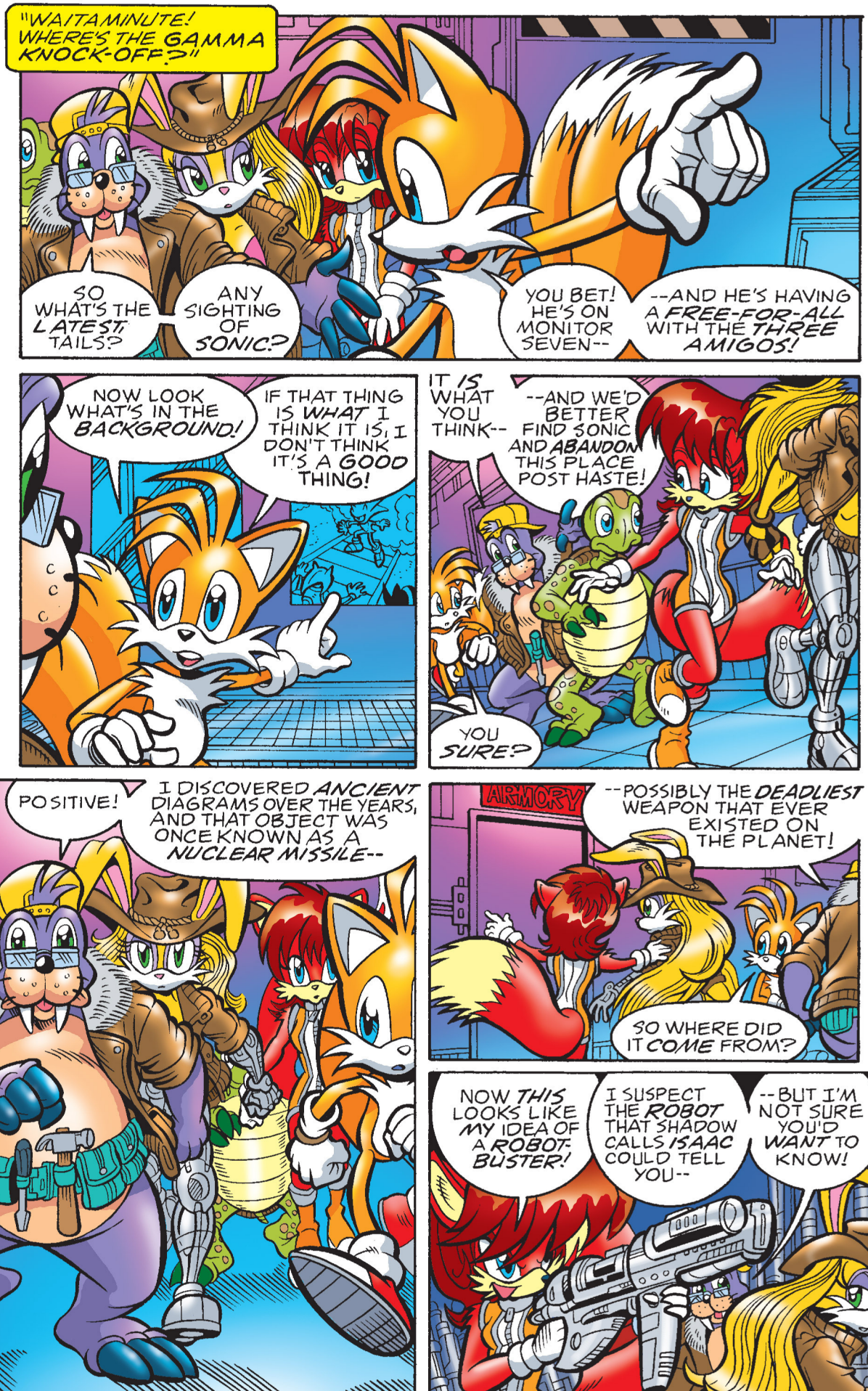
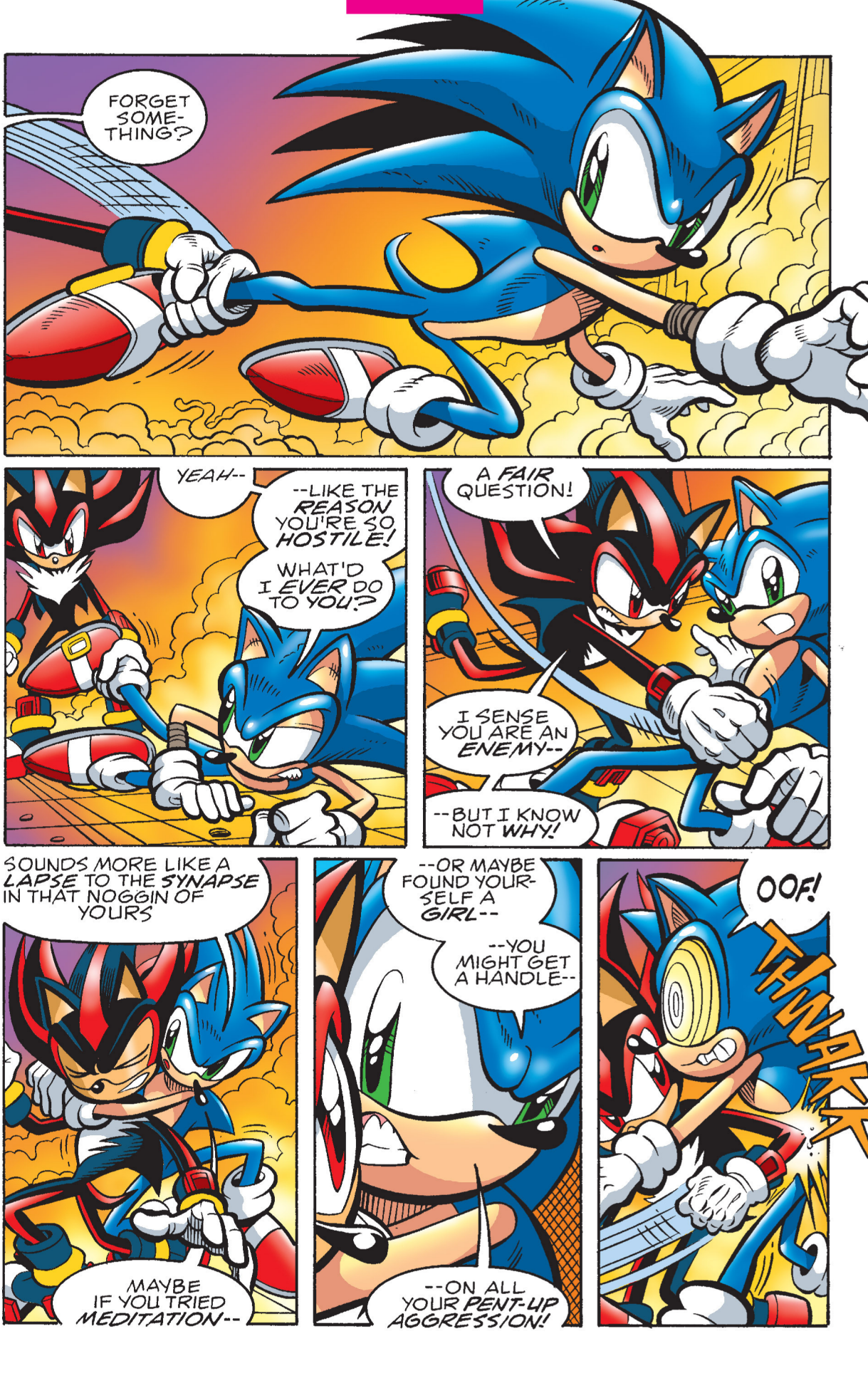
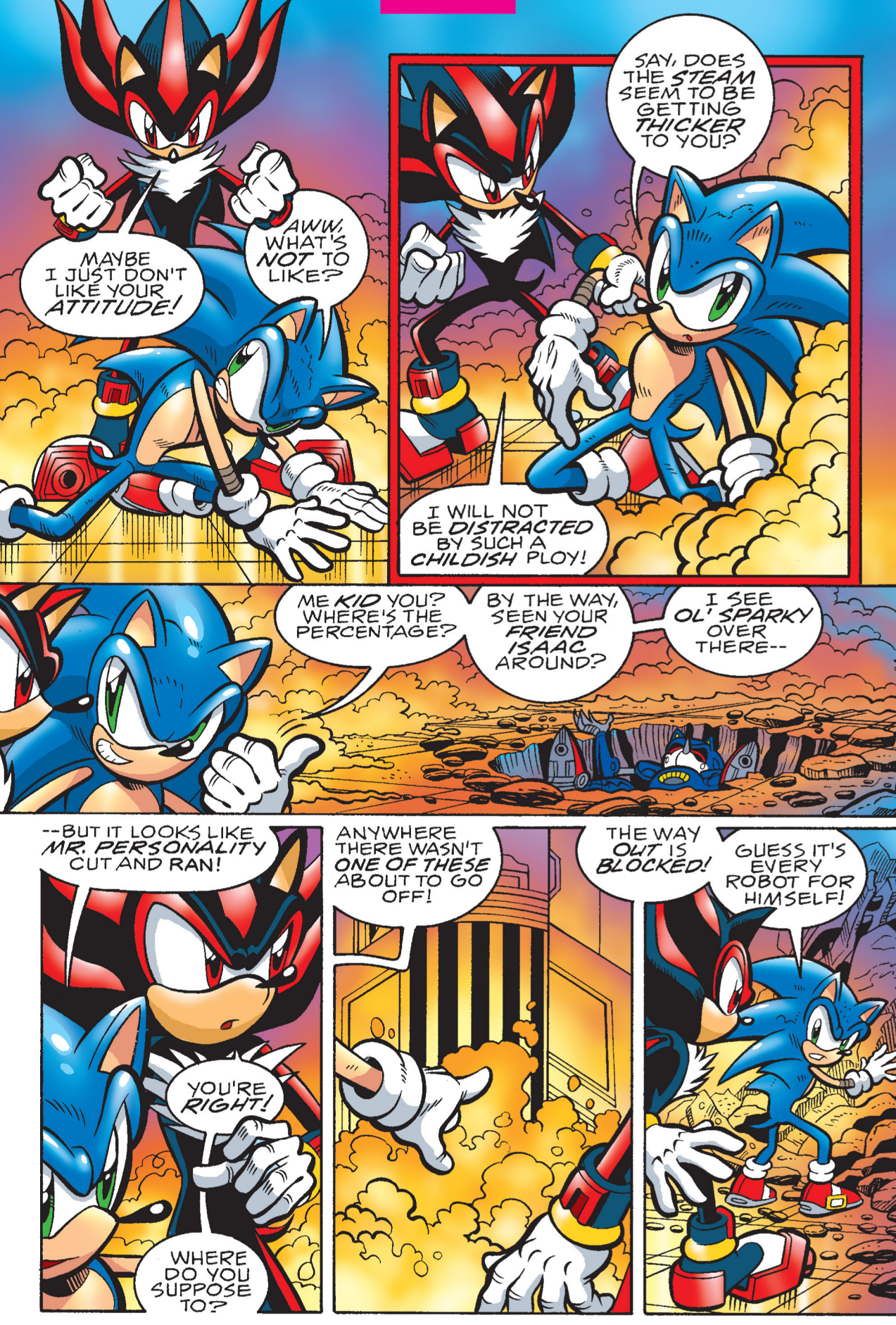

SURRENDER TO ME, HEDGEHOG--
--AND I'LL SEE TO IT THAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK--
--WILL BE QUITE MERCIFUL TO YOU!
WHY GO THROUGH ALL THIS EFFORT?
YOU'LL BE EXHAUSTED BY THE TIME YOU GET TO THE TOP, IF YOU AREN'T ALREADY--
--UNABLE TO PUT UP MUCH OF A FIGHT--
TITAN X
--WITH THE END RESULT THE SAME!
HE'S EXCEEDED THE LIMITATIONS A SENTIENT LIFE FORM WOULD NORMALLY BE CAPABLE OF.
HE CERTAINLY IS DIFFERENT--
--FROM OTHERS I'VE ENCOUNTERED--
HA! GOOD ONE!
I SEE HE'S PROGRAMMED YOU WITH SOME COMEDY ROUTINES...!
"--TAKING RISKS THAT FEW OTHERS WOULD EVER CONTEMPLATE!"
ABOUT THAT SUGGESTION OF YOURS--

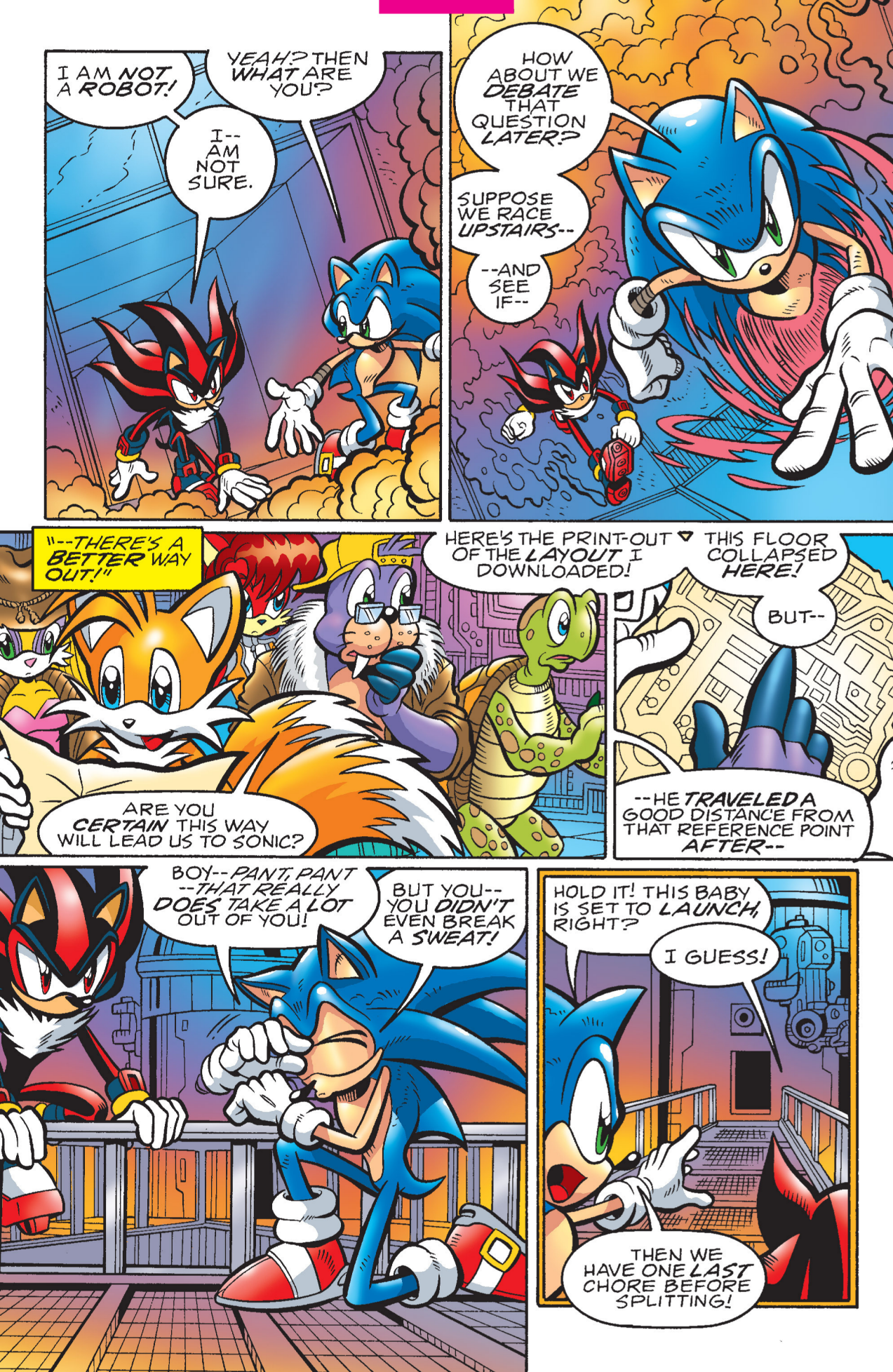

--HERE'S MY REPLY!
KKLUNNNG!
IS THIS YOUR WAY OF SAYING NEGATIVE?
IS THE HEDGEHOG ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR HIM--
--BUT THIS TIME HE HAS--
YOU WERE SAYING, SHAD?
WHUMPF!
OOOH, THAT'S GOTTA HURT!
THOOM
YOU MIGHT PUT IT THAT WAY--
--YEAH!

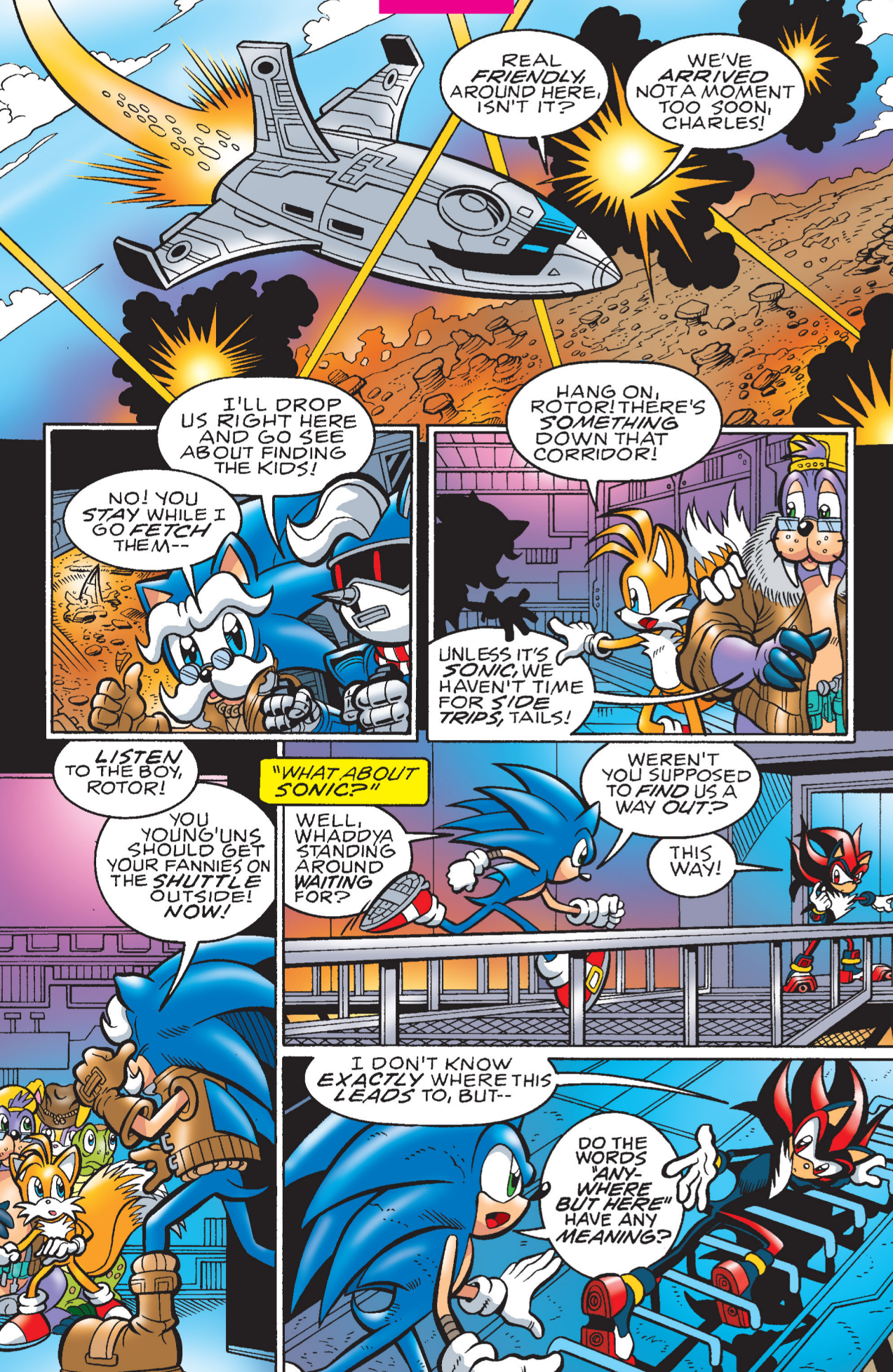

"WAITAMINUTE! WHERE'S THE GAMMA KNOCK-OFF?"
SO WHAT'S THE LATEST, TAILS?
ANY SIGHTING OF SONIC?
YOU BET! HE'S ON MONITOR SEVEN--
--AND HE'S HAVING A FREE-FOR-ALL WITH THE THREE AMIGOS!
NOW LOOK WHAT'S IN THE BACKGROUND!
IF THAT THING IS WHAT I THINK IT IS, I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD THING!
IT IS WHAT YOU THINK--
--AND WE'D BETTER FIND SONIC AND ABANDON THIS PLACE POST HASTE!
YOU SURE?
POSITIVE!
I DISCOVERED ANCIENT DIAGRAMS OVER THE YEARS, AND THAT OBJECT WAS ONCE KNOWN AS A NUCLEAR MISSILE--
ARMORY
--POSSIBLY THE DEADLIEST WEAPON THAT EVER EXISTED ON THE PLANET!
SO WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
NOW THIS LOOKS LIKE MY IDEA OF A ROBOT-BUSTER!
I SUSPECT THE ROBOT THAT SHADOW CALLS ISAAC COULD TELL YOU--
--BUT I'M NOT SURE YOU'D WANT TO KNOW!


FORGET SOME-THING?
YEAH--
--LIKE THE REASON YOU'RE SO HOSTILE!
WHAT'D I EVER DO TO YOU?
A FAIR QUESTION!
I SENSE YOU ARE AN ENEMY--
--BUT I KNOW NOT WHY!
SOUNDS MORE LIKE A LAPSE TO THE SYNAPSE IN THAT NOGGIN OF YOURS
MAYBE IF YOU TRIED MEDITATION--
--OR MAYBE FOUND YOUR-SELF A GIRL--
--YOU MIGHT GET A HANDLE--
--ON ALL YOUR PENT-UP AGGRESSION!
OOF!
THWAKK

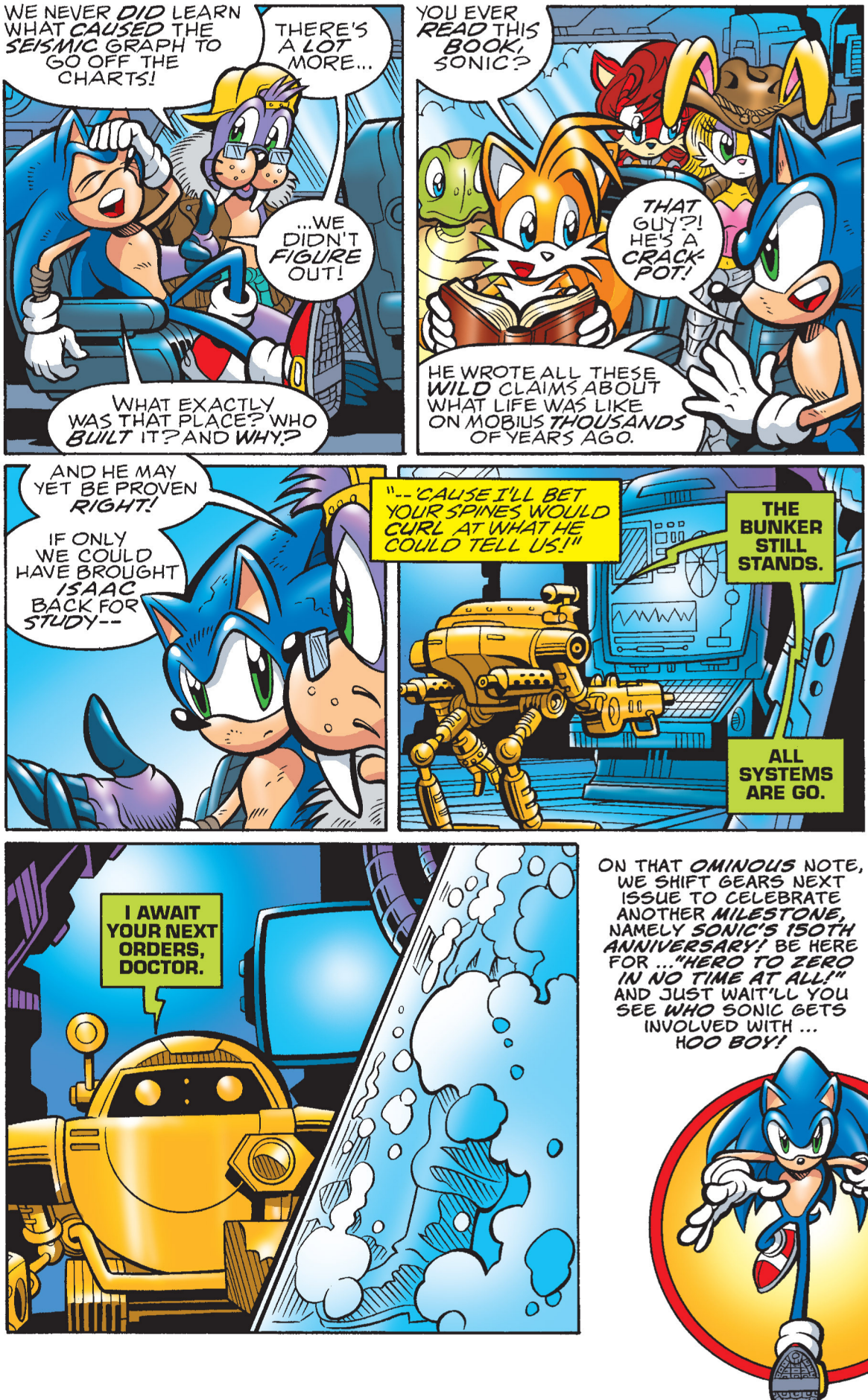
FREEDOM FIGHTERS DON'T RESORT TO USING GUNS OF ANY KIND!
NEVER HAVE! NEVER WILL!
IT'S JUST NOT OUR WAY, FIONA!
BREE-BREEP-BREE!
THE HEDGEHOG'S COMPANIONS ARE INSIDE THE ARMORY.
THAT COULD AFFECT THE OUTCOME CONSIDERABLY–
"–UNLESS PREEMPTIVE ACTION IS TAKEN."
WHRRR-RR- KLKLKKLIK-KLAK
BOOM
BOOM BOOM
KUH-WHOOOSH!

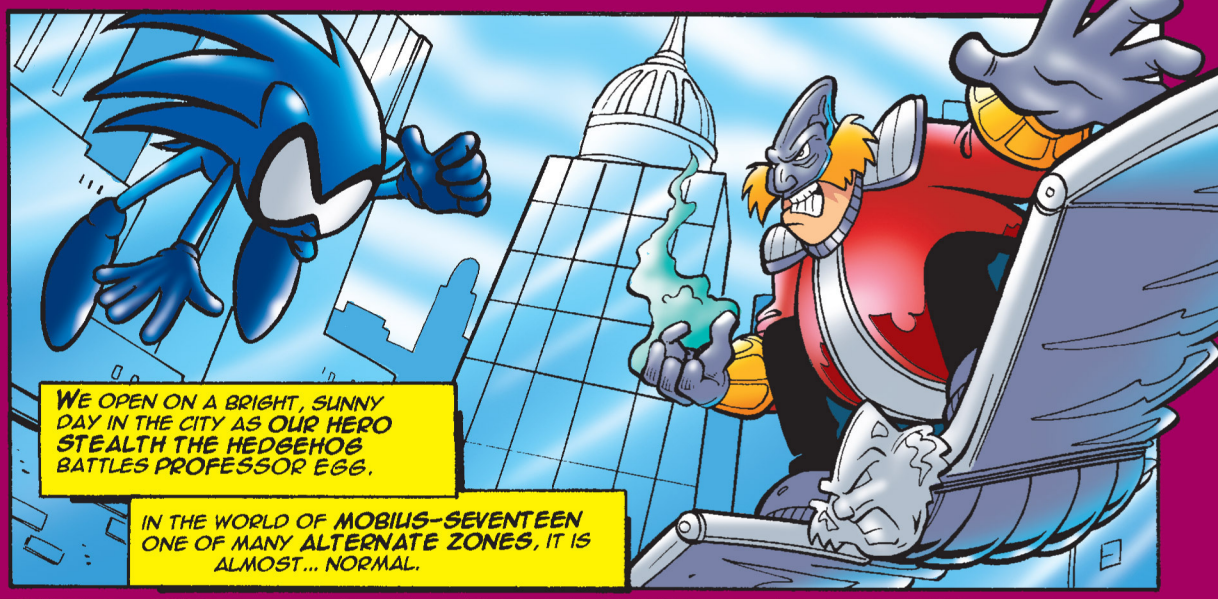

MAYBE I JUST DON'T LIKE YOUR ATTITUDE!
AWW, WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE?
SAY, DOES THE STEAM SEEM TO BE GETTING THICKER TO YOU?
I WILL NOT BE DISTRACTED BY SUCH A CHILDISH PLOY!
ME KID YOU? WHERE'S THE PERCENTAGE?
BY THE WAY, SEEN YOUR FRIEND ISAAC AROUND?
I SEE OL' SPARKY OVER THERE--
--BUT IT LOOKS LIKE MR. PERSONALITY CUT AND RAN!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE TO?
ANYWHERE THERE WASN'T ONE OF THESE ABOUT TO GO OFF!
THE WAY OUT IS BLOCKED!
GUESS IT'S EVERY ROBOT FOR HIMSELF!


I AM NOT A ROBOT!
YEAH? THEN WHAT ARE YOU?
I-- AM NOT SURE.
HOW ABOUT WE DEBATE THAT QUESTION LATER?
SUPPOSE WE RACE UPSTAIRS--
--AND SEE IF--
"--THERE'S A BETTER WAY OUT!"
HERE'S THE PRINT-OUT OF THE LAYOUT I DOWNLOADED!
THIS FLOOR COLLAPSED HERE!
BUT--
ARE YOU CERTAIN THIS WAY WILL LEAD US TO SONIC?
--HE TRAVELED A GOOD DISTANCE FROM THAT REFERENCE POINT AFTER--
BOY-- PANT, PANT --THAT REALLY DOES TAKE A LOT OUT OF YOU!
BUT YOU-- YOU DIDN'T EVEN BREAK A SWEAT!
HOLD IT! THIS BABY IS SET TO LAUNCH, RIGHT?
I GUESS!
THEN WE HAVE ONE LAST CHORE BEFORE SPLITTING!


REAL FRIENDLY, AROUND HERE, ISN'T IT?
WE'VE ARRIVED NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON, CHARLES!
I'LL DROP US RIGHT HERE AND GO SEE ABOUT FINDING THE KIDS!
NO! YOU STAY WHILE I GO FETCH THEM--
HANG ON, ROTOR! THERE'S SOMETHING DOWN THAT CORRIDOR!
UNLESS IT'S SONIC, WE HAVEN'T TIME FOR SIDE TRIPS, TAILS!
LISTEN TO THE BOY, ROTOR!
YOU YOUNG'UNS SHOULD GET YOUR FANNIES ON THE SHUTTLE OUTSIDE! NOW!
"WHAT ABOUT SONIC?"
WELL, WHADDYA STANDING AROUND WAITING FOR?
WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO FIND US A WAY OUT?
THIS WAY!
I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THIS LEADS TO, BUT--
DO THE WORDS "ANY-WHERE BUT HERE" HAVE ANY MEANING?

WE'RE OUT!
IT'S LIKE A WAR ZONE OUT HERE!
AND THERE'S THE GANG--
--BUT I'M NOT GONNA MAKE IT!
MY ANKLE'S SHOT!
JUST SHUT UP AND GET INTO YOUR SPIN MODE!
HEY! WAIT!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?!
I CREATE MY OWN PATH TO FOLLOW!
OOOF!
THERE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN --AN EASIER WAY--
--COULD THERE?
NAAAH!
WHUMPH
SONIC!
BHA
THUD
DON'T SPARE THE FUEL CELLS, JULES!
UMMM

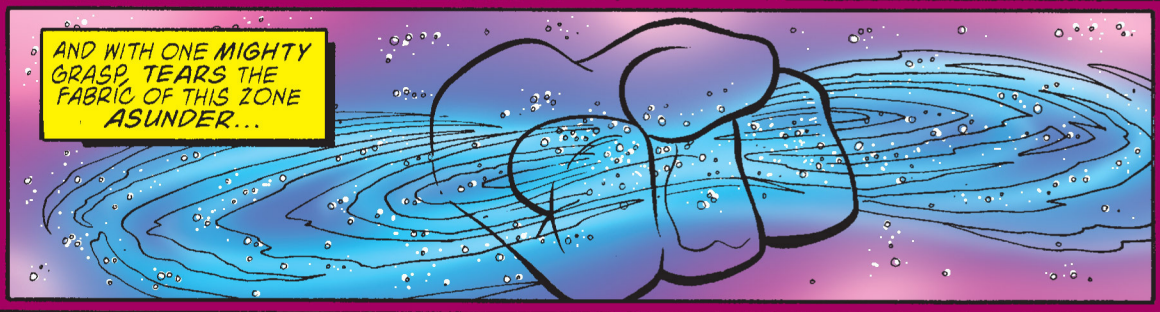

WE NEVER DID LEARN WHAT CAUSED THE SEISMIC GRAPH TO GO OFF THE CHARTS!
THERE'S A LOT MORE...
...WE DIDN'T FIGURE OUT!
WHAT EXACTLY WAS THAT PLACE? WHO BUILT IT? AND WHY?
YOU EVER READ THIS BOOK, SONIC?
THAT GUY?! HE'S A CRACK-POT!
HE WROTE ALL THESE WILD CLAIMS ABOUT WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE ON MOBIUS THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO.
AND HE MAY YET BE PROVEN RIGHT!
IF ONLY WE COULD HAVE BROUGHT ISAAC BACK FOR STUDY--
"--'CAUSE I'LL BET YOUR SPINES WOULD CURL AT WHAT HE COULD TELL US!"
THE BUNKER STILL STANDS.
ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO.
I AWAIT YOUR NEXT ORDERS, DOCTOR.
ON THAT OMINOUS NOTE, WE SHIFT GEARS NEXT ISSUE TO CELEBRATE ANOTHER MILESTONE, NAMELY SONIC'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY! BE HERE FOR ..."HERO TO ZERO IN NO TIME AT ALL!" AND JUST WAIT'LL YOU SEE WHO SONIC GETS INVOLVED WITH ... HOO BOY!

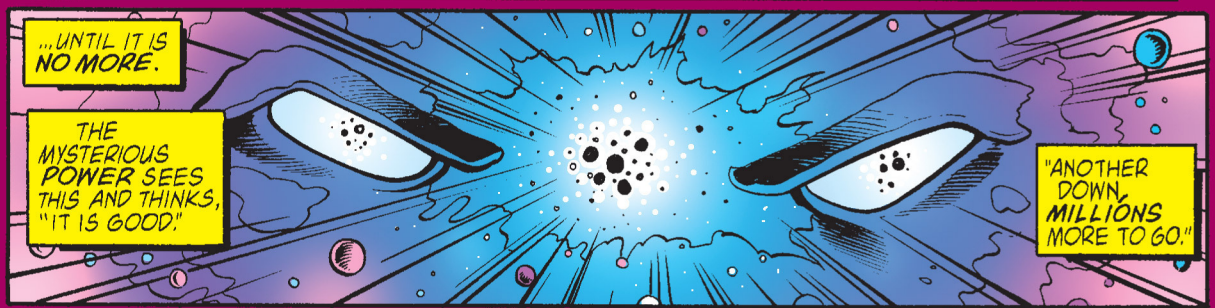

WE OPEN ON A BRIGHT, SUNNY DAY IN THE CITY AS OUR HERO STEALTH THE HEDGEHOG BATTLES PROFESSOR EGG.
IN THE WORLD OF MOBIUS-SEVENTEEN ONE OF MANY ALTERNATE ZONES, IT IS ALMOST... NORMAL.

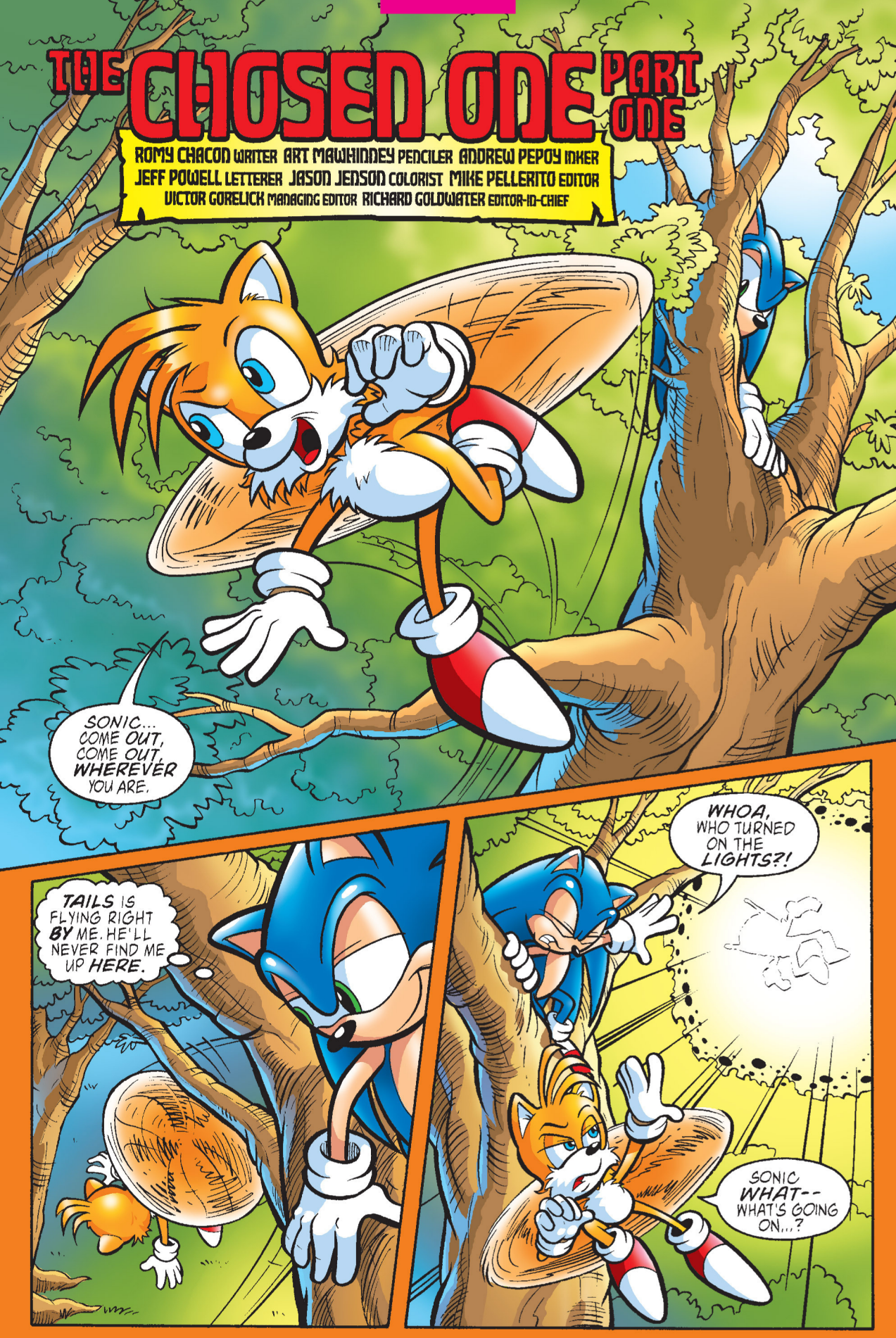
EXCEPT TODAY.

TODAY, A MYSTERIOUS HAND BLOTS OUT THE SUN ITSELF.

TODAY, THAT HAND GROWS BEYOND THE ORB OF MOBIUS-SEVENTEEN, TO REACH THE VERY ESSENCE OF THE GALAXY ITSELF.


AND WITH ONE MIGHTY GRASP, TEARS THE FABRIC OF THIS ZONE ASUNDER...


...UNTIL IT IS NO MORE.
THE MYSTERIOUS POWER SEES THIS AND THINKS, "IT IS GOOD."
"ANOTHER DOWN, MILLIONS MORE TO GO."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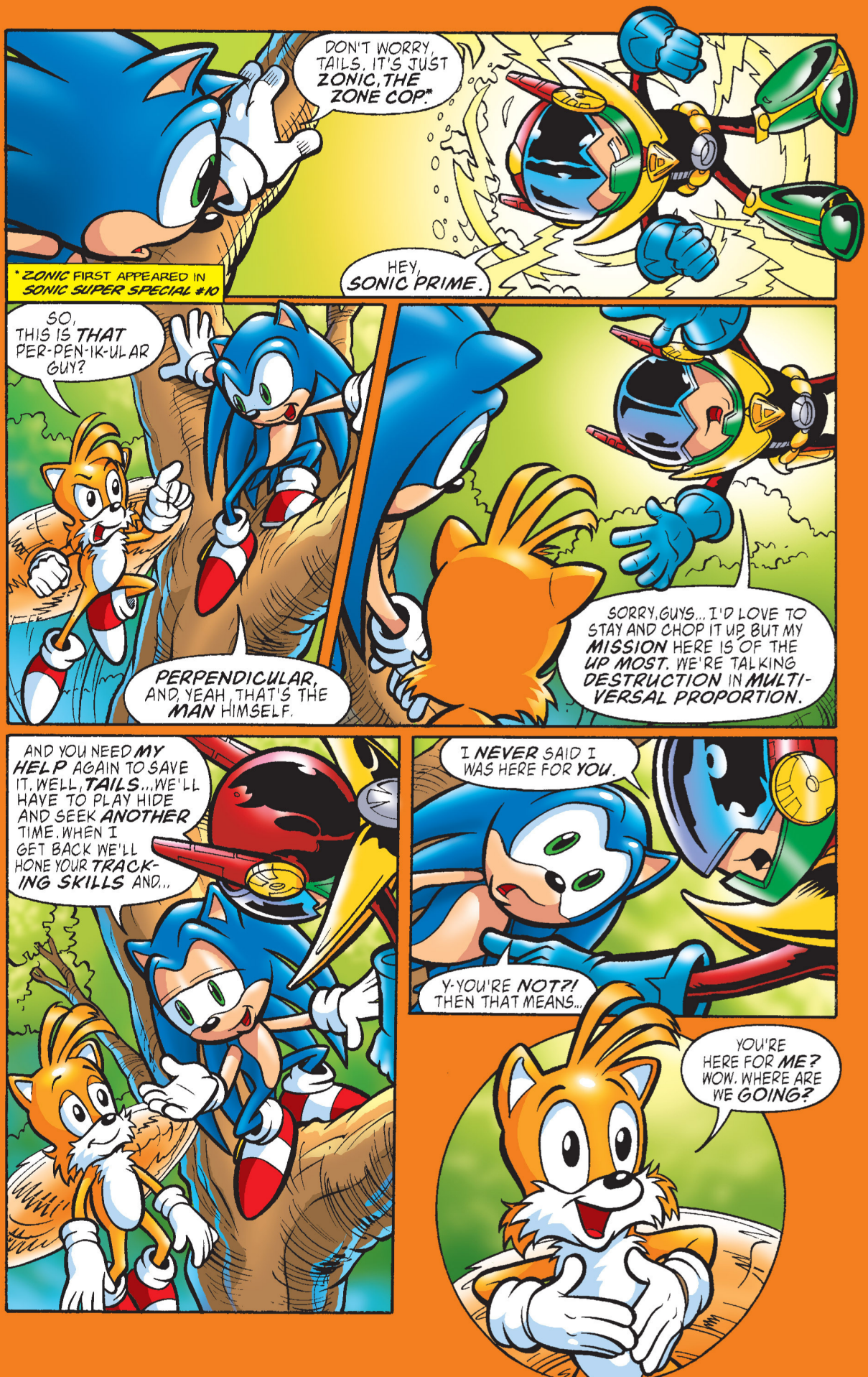
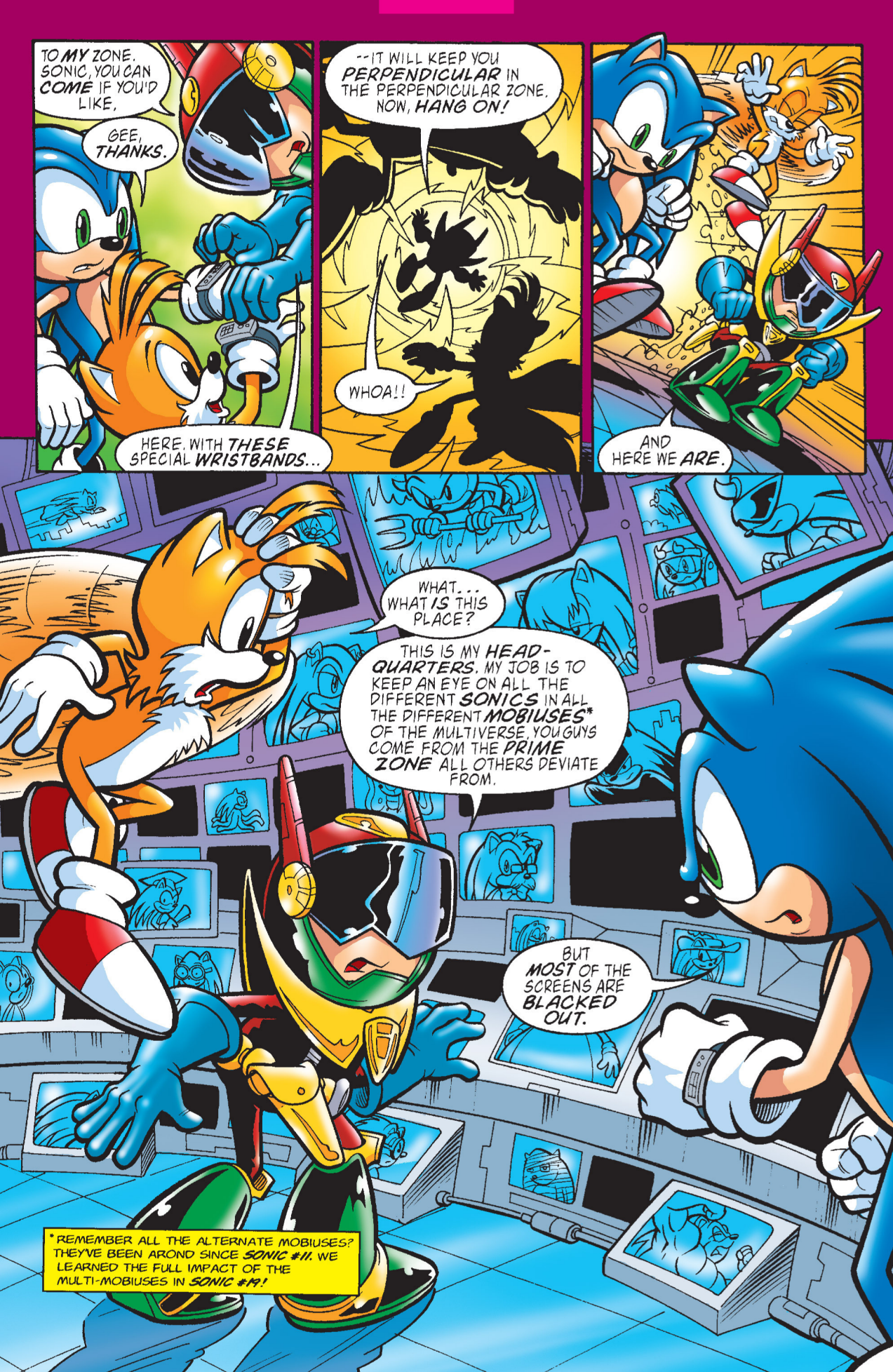
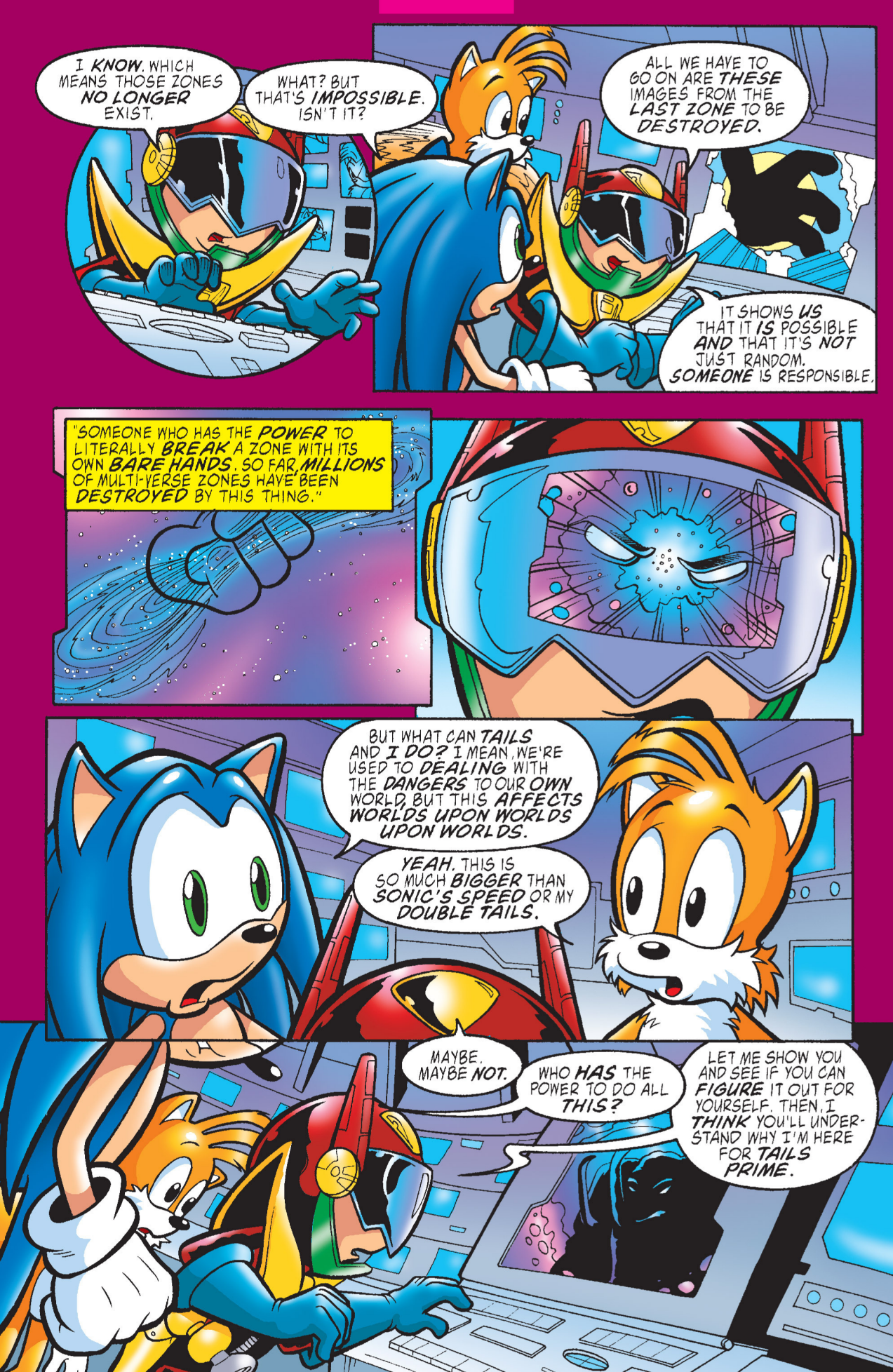
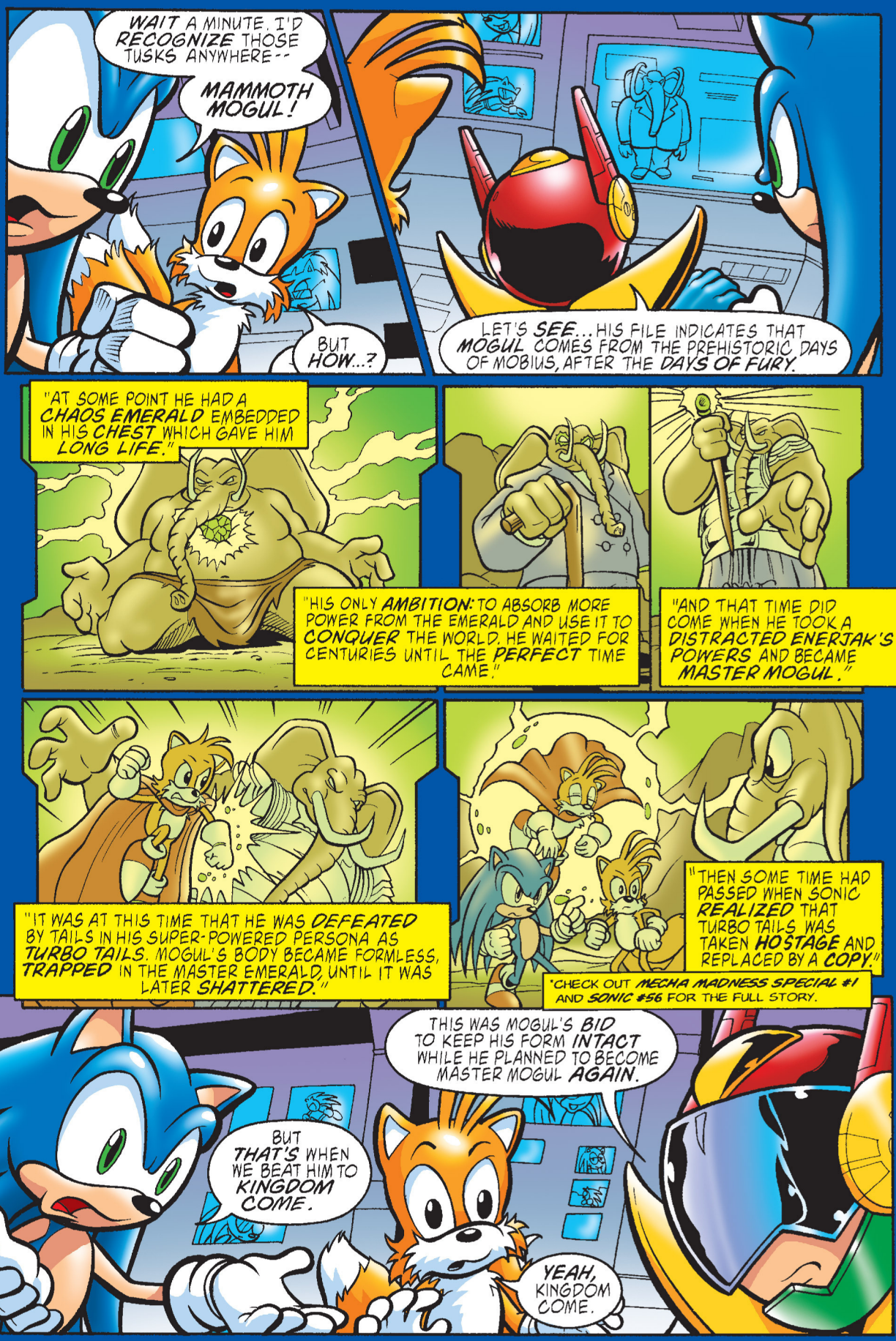
SONIC... COME OUT, COME OUT, WHEREVER YOU ARE.
TAILS IS FLYING RIGHT BY ME. HE'LL NEVER FIND ME UP HERE.
WHOA, WHO TURNED ON THE LIGHTS?!
SONIC WHAT-- WHAT'S GOING ON...?

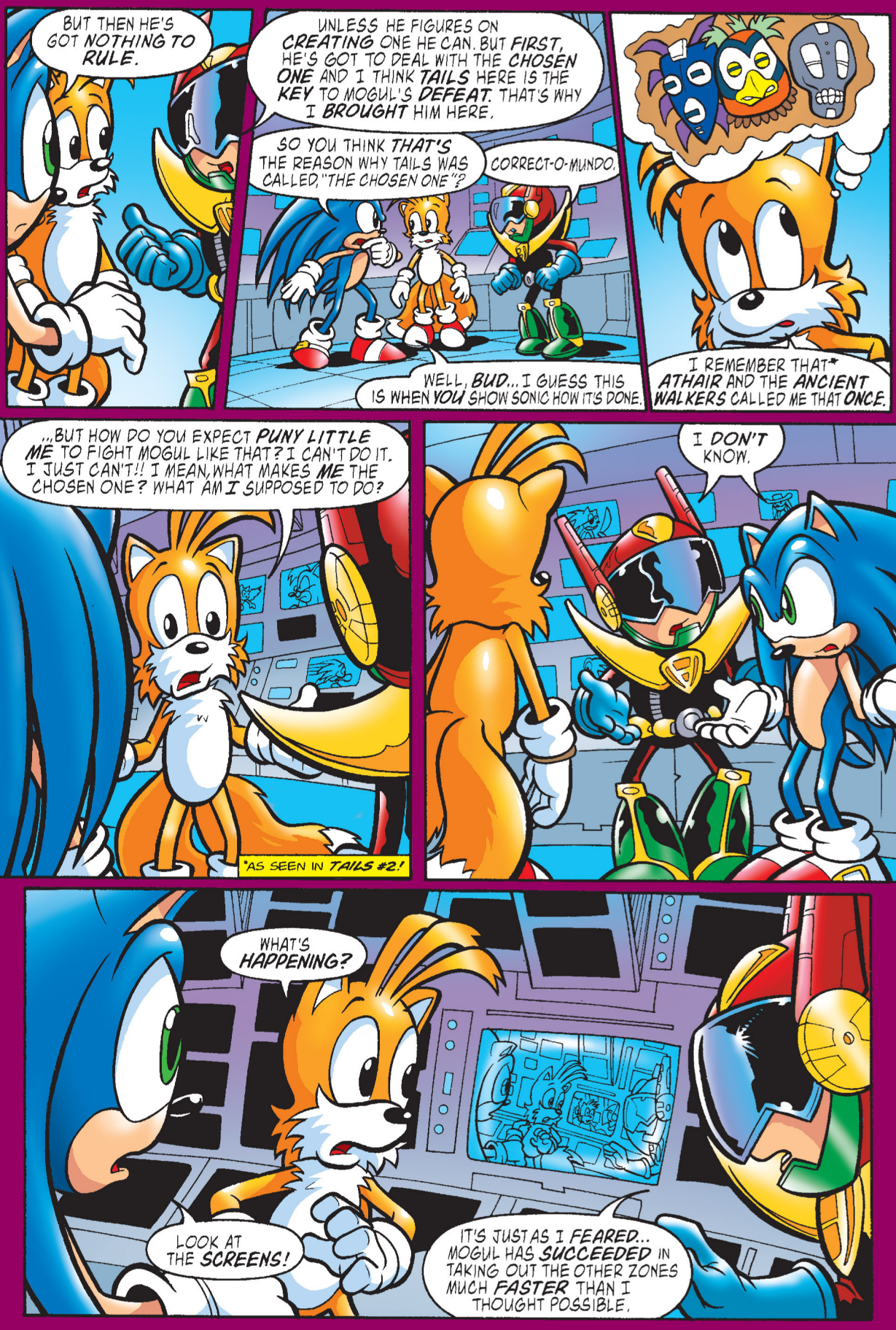

DON'T WORRY, TAILS. IT'S JUST ZONIC, THE ZONE COP*.
HEY, SONIC PRIME.
*ZONIC FIRST APPEARED IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #10
SO, THIS IS THAT PER-PEN-IK-ULAR GUY?
PERPENDICULAR, AND, YEAH, THAT'S THE MAN HIMSELF.
SORRY, GUYS... I'D LOVE TO STAY AND CHOP IT UP, BUT MY MISSION HERE IS OF THE UP MOST. WE'RE TALKING DESTRUCTION IN MULTI-VERSAL PROPORTION.
AND YOU NEED MY HELP AGAIN TO SAVE IT. WELL, TAILS... WE'LL HAVE TO PLAY HIDE AND SEEK ANOTHER TIME. WHEN I GET BACK WE'LL HONE YOUR TRACK-ING SKILLS AND...
I NEVER SAID I WAS HERE FOR YOU.
Y-YOU'RE NOT?! THEN THAT MEANS...
YOU'RE HERE FOR ME? WOW. WHERE ARE WE GOING?

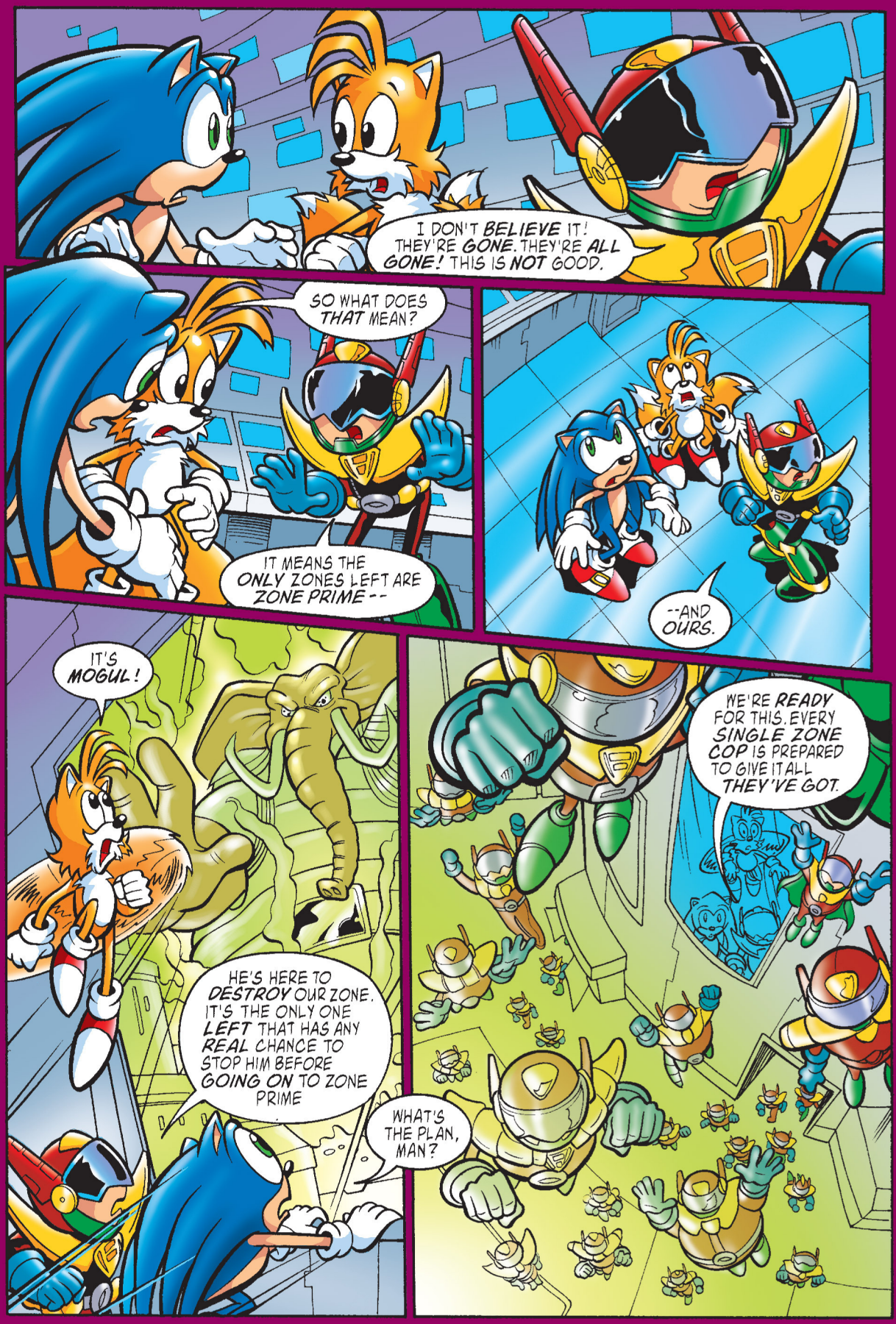

TO MY ZONE, SONIC, YOU CAN COME IF YOU'D LIKE.
GEE, THANKS.
HERE, WITH THESE SPECIAL WRISTBANDS...
--IT WILL KEEP YOU PERPENDICULAR IN THE PERPENDICULAR ZONE. NOW, HANG ON!
WHOA!!
AND HERE WE ARE.
WHAT... WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
THIS IS MY HEAD-QUARTERS. MY JOB IS TO KEEP AN EYE ON ALL THE DIFFERENT SONICS IN ALL THE DIFFERENT MOBIUSES* OF THE MULTIVERSE. YOU GUYS COME FROM THE PRIME ZONE ALL OTHERS DEVIATE FROM.
BUT MOST OF THE SCREENS ARE BLACKED OUT.
*REMEMBER ALL THE ALTERNATE MOBIUSES? THEY'VE BEEN AROND SINCE SONIC #11. WE LEARNED THE FULL IMPACT OF THE MULTI-MOBIUSES IN SONIC #19!

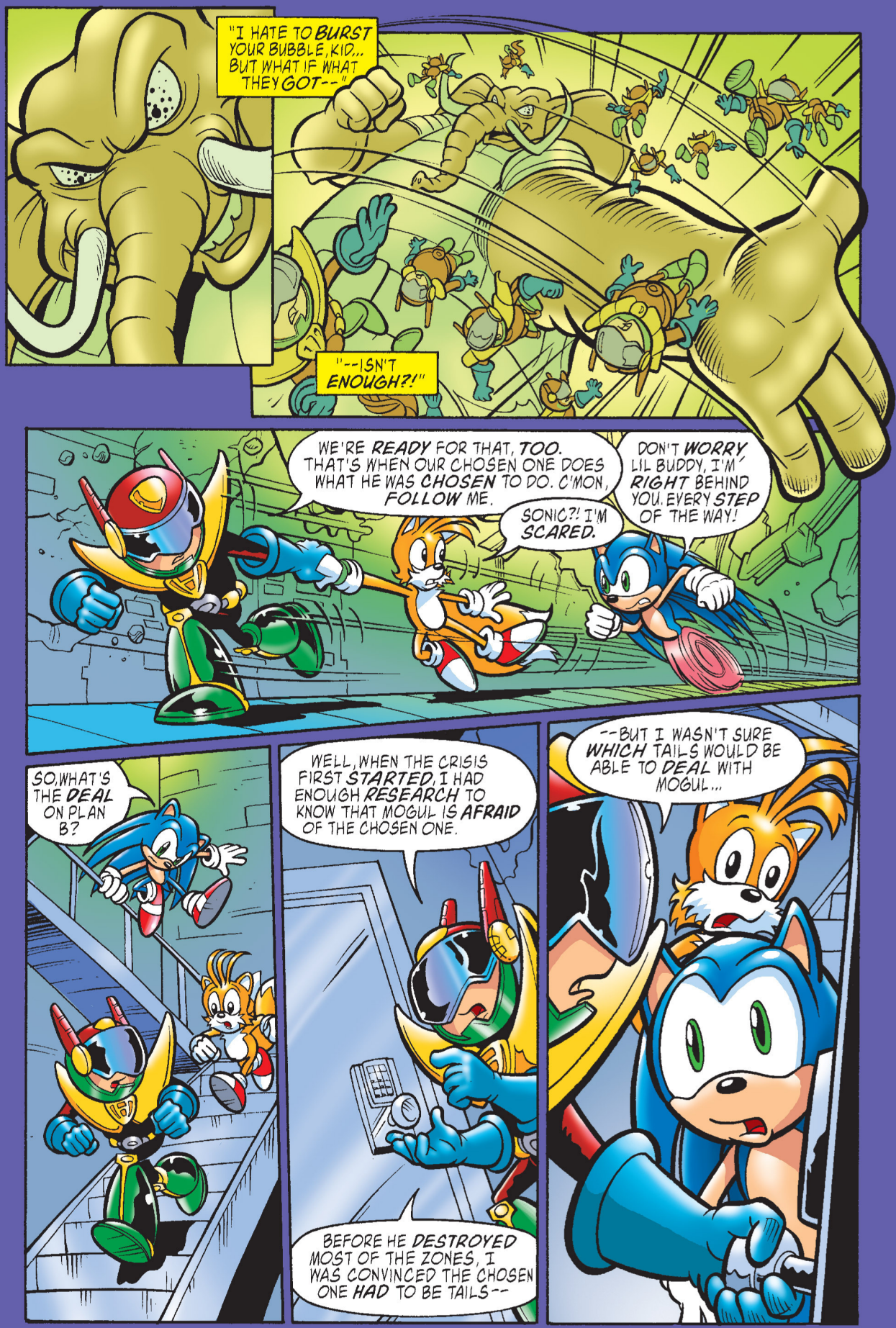

I KNOW. WHICH MEANS THOSE ZONES NO LONGER EXIST.
WHAT? BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. ISN'T IT?
ALL WE HAVE TO GO ON ARE THESE IMAGES FROM THE LAST ZONE TO BE DESTROYED.
IT SHOWS US THAT IT IS POSSIBLE AND THAT IT'S NOT JUST RANDOM. SOMEONE IS RESPONSIBLE.
"SOMEONE WHO HAS THE POWER TO LITERALLY BREAK A ZONE WITH ITS OWN BARE HANDS. SO FAR, MILLIONS OF MULTI-VERSE ZONES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY THIS THING."
BUT WHAT CAN TAILS AND I DO? I MEAN, WE'RE USED TO DEALING WITH THE DANGERS TO OUR OWN WORLD, BUT THIS AFFECTS WORLDS UPON WORLDS UPON WORLDS.
YEAH. THIS IS SO MUCH BIGGER THAN SONIC'S SPEED OR MY DOUBLE TAILS.
MAYBE. MAYBE NOT.
WHO HAS THE POWER TO DO ALL THIS?
LET ME SHOW YOU AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF. THEN, I THINK YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY I'M HERE FOR TAILS PRIME.


WAIT A MINUTE. I'D RECOGNIZE THOSE TUSKS ANYWHERE--
MAMMOTH MOGUL!
BUT HOW...?
LET'S SEE... HIS FILE INDICATES THAT MOGUL COMES FROM THE PREHISTORIC DAYS OF MOBIUS, AFTER THE DAYS OF FURY.
"AT SOME POINT HE HAD A CHAOS EMERALD EMBEDDED IN HIS CHEST WHICH GAVE HIM LONG LIFE."
"HIS ONLY AMBITION: TO ABSORB MORE POWER FROM THE EMERALD AND USE IT TO CONQUER THE WORLD. HE WAITED FOR CENTURIES UNTIL THE PERFECT TIME CAME."
"AND THAT TIME DID COME WHEN HE TOOK A DISTRACTED ENERJAK'S POWERS AND BECAME MASTER MOGUL."
"IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT HE WAS DEFEATED BY TAILS IN HIS SUPER-POWERED PERSONA AS TURBO TAILS. MOGUL'S BODY BECAME FORMLESS, TRAPPED IN THE MASTER EMERALD, UNTIL IT WAS LATER SHATTERED."
"THEN SOME TIME HAD PASSED WHEN SONIC REALIZED THAT TURBO TAILS WAS TAKEN HOSTAGE AND REPLACED BY A COPY."
*CHECK OUT MECHA MADNESS SPECIAL #1 AND SONIC #56 FOR THE FULL STORY.
THIS WAS MOGUL'S BID TO KEEP HIS FORM INTACT WHILE HE PLANNED TO BECOME MASTER MOGUL AGAIN.
BUT THAT'S WHEN WE BEAT HIM TO KINGDOM COME.
YEAH, KINGDOM COME.

"NO. SEEMS TURBO TAILS WAS HELD LONG ENOUGH TO GIVE HIM SUFFICIENT POWER TO MAKE HIS MOVE AGAINST THE MOST POWERFUL CHAOS ENTITY IN YOUR ZONE AT THE TIME."
"KNUCKLES."
"HE WAS, AT THE TIME, A LIVING CHAOS EMERALD. MOGUL HAD THE FORMER ENERJAK HOSTAGE. BEING A RELATIVE OF KNUCKLES, HE WAS THE PERFECT BAIT."
"MOGUL WAS ABLE TO TRICK KNUCKLES INTO UNLEASHING THE TOTALITY OF HIS POWER. IT WAS AT THIS MOMENT THAT POWER WAS ABSORBED BY MOGUL'S EMBEDDED EMERALD."
*SONIC #114 THROUGH #118.
THE EXPLOSION KILLED KNUCKLES*. IF HE HAD STAYED IN THE AFTERLIFE AND BECOME ONE WITH THE CHAOS FORCE, IT WOULD'VE REMAINED IN BALANCE. BUT WHEN KNUCKLES DECIDED TO RETURN TO HELP MOBIUS IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST THE ZORDA, KNUCKLES WAS POWERLESS.
MOGUL, WHO WAS ALSO ONE WITH THE CHAOS FORCE, USED THIS TO HIS ADVANTAGE. ITS UNBALANCE GAVE MOGUL THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ITS POWER COMPLETELY.
HE'LL USE IT TO DESTROY EVERY ZONE IN EXISTENCE.
*KNUCKLES RETURNED IN THE EPIC SONIC #125!


BUT THEN HE'S GOT NOTHING TO RULE.
UNLESS HE FIGURES ON CREATING ONE HE CAN. BUT FIRST, HE'S GOT TO DEAL WITH THE CHOSEN ONE AND I THINK TAILS HERE IS THE KEY TO MOGUL'S DEFEAT. THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT HIM HERE.
SO YOU THINK THAT'S THE REASON WHY TAILS WAS CALLED, "THE CHOSEN ONE"?
CORRECT-O-MUNDO.
WELL, BUD... I GUESS THIS IS WHEN YOU SHOW SONIC HOW IT'S DONE.
I REMEMBER THAT* ATHAIR AND THE ANCIENT WALKERS CALLED ME THAT ONCE.
...BUT HOW DO YOU EXPECT PUNY LITTLE ME TO FIGHT MOGUL LIKE THAT? I CAN'T DO IT. I JUST CAN'T!! I MEAN, WHAT MAKES ME THE CHOSEN ONE? WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
*AS SEEN IN TAILS #2!
I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
LOOK AT THE SCREENS!
IT'S JUST AS I FEARED... MOGUL HAS SUCCEEDED IN TAKING OUT THE OTHER ZONES MUCH FASTER THAN I THOUGHT POSSIBLE.


I DON'T BELIEVE IT! THEY'RE GONE. THEY'RE ALL GONE! THIS IS NOT GOOD.
SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
IT MEANS THE ONLY ZONES LEFT ARE ZONE PRIME--
--AND OURS.
IT'S MOGUL!
HE'S HERE TO DESTROY OUR ZONE. IT'S THE ONLY ONE LEFT THAT HAS ANY REAL CHANCE TO STOP HIM BEFORE GOING ON TO ZONE PRIME
WHAT'S THE PLAN, MAN?
WE'RE READY FOR THIS. EVERY SINGLE ZONE COP IS PREPARED TO GIVE IT ALL THEY'VE GOT.


"I HATE TO BURST YOUR BUBBLE, KID... BUT WHAT IF WHAT THEY GOT--"
"--ISN'T ENOUGH?!"
WE'RE READY FOR THAT, TOO. THAT'S WHEN OUR CHOSEN ONE DOES WHAT HE WAS CHOSEN TO DO. C'MON, FOLLOW ME.
SONIC?! I'M SCARED.
DON'T WORRY LIL BUDDY, I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU. EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!
SO, WHAT'S THE DEAL ON PLAN B?
WELL, WHEN THE CRISIS FIRST STARTED, I HAD ENOUGH RESEARCH TO KNOW THAT MOGUL IS AFRAID OF THE CHOSEN ONE.
BEFORE HE DESTROYED MOST OF THE ZONES, I WAS CONVINCED THE CHOSEN ONE HAD TO BE TAILS--
--BUT I WASN'T SURE WHICH TAILS WOULD BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH MOGUL...

...SO I BROUGHT THEM ALL.
...TO BE CONTINUED!